

Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful (KRRB)

Bosque Nature Walk

Join Friends of Rio Rancho Open Space (FORROS) for a nature walk at North Beach (Travel down the dirt road adjacent to Rio Vista Park (1670 Riverside Drive NE) on Riverside Drive, park next to waste water treatment facility) or the Willow Creek Trail (From NM 528 & Idalia head east on Willow Creek Road NE, turn left and travel on the gravel road to the Willow Creek parking area). The nature walk will include Bosque history and identification of native plants and animals. The walk is **free**, but **pre-registration is required**.

- May 14 - Willow Creek, 10:00 AM, 1 mile
- June 11 - North Beach Sunset Nature Walk & Wildlife Viewing, 7:00 PM, 1.5 mile, ADA/stroller accessible
- Saturday
- Free
- All ages are welcome. (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Great American Cleanup Kick Off - Saturday, April 2

Join Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful from **11:00 AM until 1:00 PM** at Otero's Dairy Queen as we kick off the Great American Cleanup! Stop by to register for our spring cleanup and get a free root beer float (while supplies last). Otero's Dairy Queen is located at 2116 Southern Blvd.

Tree Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, March 19

Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful and the Water Conservation Office will be holding a community tree seedling giveaway. Receive free tree seedlings and help build our urban canopy. The giveaway will be held Saturday, March 21 from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the Loma Colorado Main Library. Enter to win one 10-gallon tree! For more information call 505-891-5015.

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 23

Join Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful from **10:00 AM until NOON** at Esther Bone Memorial Library to celebrate Earth Day. Learn about a Waste Management recycle truck, where to recycle hard to recycle items, and visit with the Office of Water Conservation. Hands-on kids activities will include story time with the library staff and an appearance by the Corrales Tractor Club. Free Dairy Queen Dilly Bars while supplies last.



Great American Cleanup Saturday, May 7

It's time for the annual Great American Cleanup! This nationwide event is an ideal opportunity for schools, businesses, civic groups, neighborhood and service organizations, and individuals to contribute to the well-being of their community.

We need volunteers for our citywide cleanup on Saturday, May 7 from **8:00 AM until NOON**. Activities include cleaning public lands, right-of-ways, vacant lots and parks. Advance registration is required to receive cleanup supplies.. Volunteers will be rewarded with a "Thank You" party following the cleanup at Haynes BBQ Pavilion from 12:30 to 2:00 PM.



Volunteer to be a Rio Rancho Tree Steward! Saturday, May 14, 21, & 28

Tree Stewards work in teams of two or more and receive tools, training and ongoing support to help our city care for trees in our local parks. Tree stewards visit their parks and report tree and park concerns; help with light pruning and tree wells; and assist with community education and outreach programs. Tree stewards and family members are invited to attend our quarterly social networking events and participate in park workshops and other Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful community events.

Volunteers are asked to complete 25 hours of training over the course of three training days, spend 6 hours in their park per quarter (6 hours over the span of 3 months), and commit to 1 Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful event, as well as 1 park workshop per year. This fun and interactive program will consist of presentations and workshops with urban forestry experts and will allow volunteers to interact with other community members who share a common interest: the city's urban canopy!

We invite you, your friends and neighbors to join our team and attend our training on May 14, 21, & 28 at UNM West! For more information on how to become a Tree Steward and to register contact Koryn Misbach at 505-896-8389. Seating is limited so call today!

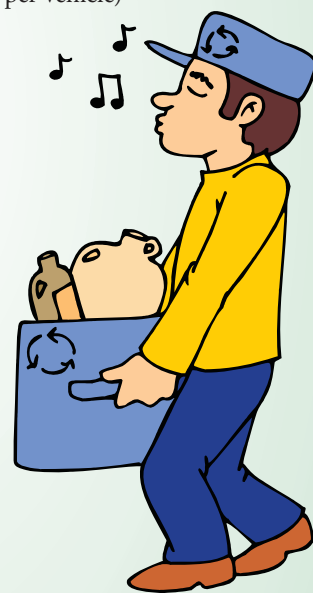
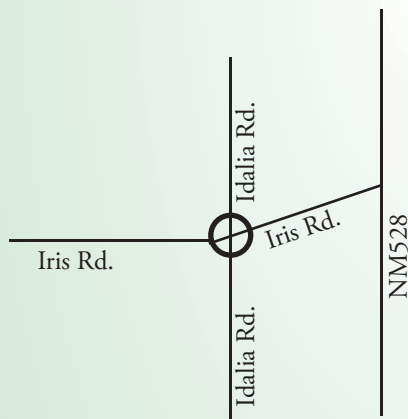
www.rrnm.gov or 505-891-5015

Recycling Center

City of Rio Rancho and Sandoval County Recycling Center
Open every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM (except holidays)
Located at 2700 Iris Road NE Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87144

The following items are accepted at the Recycling Center:

- Cardboard (broken down and flattened)
 - White and mixed paper
 - Plastics #1-7
 - Aluminum
 - Scrap metal
 - Appliances
 - Freon Units (Freon lines must be intact - no cut lines)
 - Electronics including TVs (limit 4 TV's per day/per vehicle)
 - Tires (limit 4 tires per day/per vehicle)
 - Clothing
 - Eye glasses and hearing aids
- *Subject to change.



The City of Rio Rancho in partnership with Sandoval County has been hard at work developing the first ever permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) collection site for City of Rio Rancho and Sandoval County residents. The site operates at the City of Rio Rancho & Sandoval County Recycling center located at 2700 Iris Rd. NE. The facility operates the first and third Saturday of every month and is free of charge. **Pre-registration is required** and proof of Rio Rancho or Sandoval County residency is required. For a list of acceptable items and to register for your drop off time contact Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful at 505-891-5015.

Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful Board

Would you like to take part in improving our community? Do you care about the environment and helping stop litter? We have an active advisory board that is looking for residents to become involved! You can have the opportunity to develop and work on projects that will improve our community's environment. The Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful Advisory Board meets the second Monday of every month at 5:30 PM at City Hall. Please call 505-896-8389 for more information.

Educational Programs

Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful strives to provide quality educational experiences to inspire everyone to take pride and ownership in recycling, litter prevention and beautification. We have many resources available, experiential learning activities and tailored, engaging presentations. Schedule a presentation or activity for your school or group! Please call 505-891-5015 for more information.

Want to take a field trip to the City of Rio Rancho and Sandoval County Recycling Center?

Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful offers many educational outreach programs. During field trips to the recycling center, students learn how the center operates, what happens to the materials that are collected, and how the Sandoval County landfill and composting site operates. Students will also be able to see how recycled art can be utilized, and how to put old materials to new uses.

If you have a program or class that is interested in taking a field trip to the City of Rio Rancho & Sandoval County Recycling Center please contact Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful at 505-896-8729.